



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Insurance Commissioner

☒ Permanent Rule
☐ Emergency Rule

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

☒ 31 days after filing.
☐ Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

☐ Immediately upon filing.
☐ Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Technical correction to WAC 284-23-220. WAC 284-23-220 was adopted in January of 1980. The current version of the referenced NAIC Buyer's Guide no longer contains an explanation of cost indexes. After deleting subsection (6)(h), WAC 284-23-220 will be consistent with the current version of the NAIC Buyer's Guide.

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2007-13

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 284-23-220

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 48.02.060, 48.44.050, and 48.46.200

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 07-21-136 on October 24, 2007.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

Name: _____ phone () _____
Address: _____ fax () _____
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EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

Date adopted: January 23, 2008

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Insurance Commissioner

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER
STATE OF WASHINGTON
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(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

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| Federal statute: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Federal rules or standards: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Recently enacted state statutes: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

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| New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

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| New | _____ | Amended | <u>1</u> | Repealed | _____ |
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

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| New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
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The number of sections adopted using:

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| Negotiated rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Pilot rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Other alternative rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | <u>1</u> | Repealed | _____ |

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Matter No. R 97-04, filed 5/6/98, effective 6/6/98)

WAC 284-23-220 Definitions. For the purposes of this regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "*Buyer's Guide*" is a document that contains, and is limited to, the current buyer's guide, which has been recommended for use by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. A company must use the current *Buyer's Guide* no later than six months after approval by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(2) Cost comparison indexes:

(a) "Surrender cost comparison index--Guaranteed basis" is calculated by applying the following steps:

(i) Step one: Determine the guaranteed cash surrender value, if any, available at the end of the tenth and twentieth policy years.

(ii) Step two: Divide the result of step one by an interest factor that converts it into one equivalent level annual amount that, if paid at the beginning of each year, would accrue to the values in step one over the respective periods stipulated in step one. If the period is ten years, the factor is 13.207 and if the period is twenty years, the factor is 34.719.

(iii) Step three: Determine the equivalent guaranteed level premium by accumulating each guaranteed annual premium payable for the basic policy or rider at five percent interest compounded annually to the end of the period stipulated in step one and dividing the result by the respective factors stated in step two. (This amount is the guaranteed annual premium payable for a level premium plan.)

(iv) Step four: Subtract the result of step two from step three.

(v) Step five: Divide the result of step four by the number of thousands of the equivalent guaranteed level death benefit, using the company's guaranteed rate schedule to determine the amount payable upon death for purposes of subsection (3) of this section, to arrive at the "surrender cost comparison index--Guaranteed basis."

(b) "Net payment cost comparison index--Guaranteed basis" is calculated in the same manner as the comparable "surrender cost comparison index--Guaranteed basis" except that the cash surrender value is set at zero.

(3) "Equivalent guaranteed level death benefit" of a policy or term life insurance rider is an amount calculated as follows:

(a) Step six: Accumulate the amount payable upon death, regardless of the cause of death, at the beginning of each policy year for ten and twenty years at five percent interest compounded

annually to the end of the tenth and twentieth policy years respectively.

(b) Step seven: Divide each accumulation of step six by an interest factor that converts the accumulation into one equivalent level annual amount that, if paid at the beginning of each year, would accrue to the value in step six over the respective periods stipulated in step six. If the period is ten years, the factor is 13.207 and if the period is twenty years, the factor is 34.719.

(4) "Generic name" is a short title that is descriptive of the premium and benefit patterns of a policy or a rider.

(5) "Policy data" is a display or schedule of guaranteed numerical values for each policy year or a series of designated policy years of the following information: Premiums; death benefits; cash surrender values and endowment benefits.

(6) "Policy summary" is a written statement describing the elements of the policy including but not limited to:

(a) A prominently placed title as follows: Statement of policy cost and benefit information.

(b) The name and address of the insurance agent, or, if no agent is involved, a statement of the procedure to be followed in order to receive responses to inquiries regarding the policy summary.

(c) The full name and home office or administrative office address of the company in which the life insurance policy is to be or has been written.

(d) The generic name of the basic policy and each rider.

(e) The following amounts, where applicable, for the first five policy years and representative policy years thereafter sufficient to clearly illustrate the premium and benefit patterns, including, but not necessarily limited to, the years for which life insurance cost indexes are displayed and at least one age from sixty through sixty-five or maturity whichever is earlier:

(i) The guaranteed annual premium for the basic policy.

(ii) The guaranteed annual premium for each optional rider.

(iii) The guaranteed amount payable upon death, at the beginning of the policy year regardless of the cause of death other than suicide, or other specifically enumerated exclusions, which is provided by the basic policy and each optional rider, with benefits provided under the basic policy and each rider shown separately.

(iv) The guaranteed total cash surrender values at the end of the year with values shown separately for the basic policy and each rider.

(v) Any guaranteed endowment amounts payable under the policy which are not included under guaranteed cash surrender values above.

(f) The effective policy loan annual percentage interest rate, if the policy contains this provision, specifying whether this rate is applied in advance or in arrears. If the policy loan interest rate is adjustable, the policy summary shall also indicate that the annual percentage rate will be determined by the company in accordance with the provisions of the policy and the applicable law.

(g) Cost comparison indexes for ten and twenty years but in no case beyond the premium paying period. Separate indexes are displayed for the basic policy and for each optional term life insurance rider. The indexes need not be included for optional riders which are limited to benefits such as accidental death benefits, disability waiver of premium, preliminary term life insurance coverage of less than 12 months and guaranteed insurability benefits nor basic policies or optional riders covering more than one life.

(h) ~~((A statement in close proximity to the life insurance cost indexes as follows: An explanation of the intended use of these indexes is provided in the Buyer's Guide.~~

~~(i))~~ The date on which the policy summary is prepared.

The policy summary must consist of a separate document. All information required to be disclosed must be set out in such a manner as to not minimize or render any portion obscure. Any amounts which remain level for two or more years of the policy may be represented by a single number if it is clearly indicated what amounts are applicable for each policy year. Amounts in item (e) of this section shall be listed in total, not on a per thousand nor per unit basis. If more than one insured is covered under one policy or rider, guaranteed death benefits shall be displayed separately for each insured or for each class of insureds if death benefits do not differ within the class. Zero amounts shall be displayed as zero and shall not be displayed as a blank space.